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BRAZILIAN JOURNALISTS

FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TEXT OF MRS. CARTER'S MARCH 30  
INTERVIEW WITH REPORTERS REPRESENTING "O ESTADO DE SAO  
PAULO", "JORNAL DO BRASIL," "MANCHETE," "VEJA," "JORNAL  
DE BRASILIA" AND "CORREIO BRAZILIENSE":

LAURA FONSECA, "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO": SINCE THERE IS  
SO MUCH TALK IN THE U.S. ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER  
COUNTRIES, WHAT ARE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS  
FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF BLACK PEOPLE, INDIANS,  
SPECIFICALLY RIGHTS TO OWN PROPERTY AND TO CHOOSE  
SCHOOLS, AND JOBS, AND EQUAL TREATMENT IN GENERAL?

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MRS. CARTER: INAUDIBLE ...  
WE KNOW THAT IN OUR COUNTRY WE HAVE PROBLEMS AS WELL. WE HAVE  
NEVER PASSED MORALISTIC JUDGMENTS ON OTHER COUNTRIES. WE KNOW  
THAT WE HAVE MUCH TO DO IN THE UNITED STATES. WE RECOGNIZE  
WE HAVE PROBLEMS. WE TRY TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO  
INSURE THAT PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY DO HAVE THEIR RIGHTS.

MARLENE ANNA GALEAZZI, "MANCHETTE" - I WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHETHER IN THE UNITED STATES THERE IS ANY DISCRIMINATION, OR IF THERE IS ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE VARIOUS SOCIAL MINORITIES AND THE PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN?

MRS. CARTER: I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS ANY RELATION WITH THE CASES YOU ARE PRESENTING. WE ARE TRYING TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO GET THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PASSED AND I THINK THAT WE ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS TO ASSURE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN. AND WHEN I TALK ABOUT EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN THE U.S. I MEAN THINGS LIKE EQUAL SALARY FOR EQUAL WORK. I MEAN THAT WOMEN NEED EQUAL PROTECTION, SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY. I BELIEVE THAT THE MOST VULNERABLE WOMEN IN THE U.S. ARE THE WOMEN WHO ARE ALONE WITH A FAMILY AND CHILDREN BECAUSE OF DEATH OR DIVORCE OF THEIR HUSBANDS. THESE WOMEN HAVE TO BE PROTECTED AND NEED TO HAVE RIGHTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BECOME HEADS OF FAMILIES.

MARIANGELA HAMU, JORNAL DO BRASIL:  
THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONTROVERSY ABOUT  
THE WHOLE MANNER, THE WHOLE U.S.  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS. HERE IN BRAZIL PEOPLE  
CONTEND THAT THERE HAS BEEN QUITE A CHANGE IN U.S.  
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ATTITUDES, A CHANGE IN TONE, IF YOU WILL, ON THE  
ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CLAIMED THAT THIS IS NOT THE  
CASE BUT IN FACT IT WOULD APPEAR TO US HERE THAT THERE  
HAS BEEN A VERY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE U.S. APPROACH  
TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS.

MRS. CARTER: I DON'T AGREE THAT THAT'S TRUE BECAUSE WE HAVE  
ALWAYS BEEN CONSISTENT; AS I SAID, WE DON'T TRY TO BE  
MORALISTIC; WE DON'T TRY TO TELL OTHER COUNTRIES WHAT TO  
DO. BUT WE SEE HUMAN RIGHTS AS A WORLDWIDE SITUATION THAT  
WE ARE JUST A PART OF. OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD ARE  
LEADERS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT, TOO. AND WE DON'T  
AS I SAID, TRY TO TELL OTHER COUNTRIES WHAT TO DO.  
BUT WE HAVE A LAW THAT CONGRESS PASSED THAT SAYS THAT  
WE HAVE TO HAVE, WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE, A REPORT  
ON VARIOUS COUNTRIES THAT WE HAVE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY  
AID PROGRAMS WITH EVERY YEAR ON THE STATUS OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES. BUT THAT HAS NOT CHANGED  
AND THAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR A LONG TIME.

LUZIA AMELIA AIRES MOREIRA SCHIEL, JORNAL DE BRASILIA AND

CORREIO BRAZILIENSE: SPECIFICALLY, AT THE BEGINNING  
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL WHEN  
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION CAME IN POWER. WE HAVE ASSUMED  
THERE WOULD BE SOME SORT OF SEPARATION ..(INAUDIBLE)  
THEN YESTERDAY OUT AT THE AIRPORT THE PRESIDENT SPOKE OF  
BRAZIL AS AN EQUAL PARTNER ...

MRS. CARTER: WE HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED BRAZIL AS AN  
EQUAL PARTNER. WE HAVE NEVER SINGLED OUT ANY ONE COUNTRY  
IN THE WHOLE WORLD. EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE EVER SAID,  
THAT HAS EVER BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, IS  
IN BROAD TERMS ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. WE'VE NEVER SINGLED  
OUT A COUNTRY.

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ELIANE CRISTINA DE ALMEIDA CANTANHEDE, VEJA: I WOULD  
LIKE TO ASK TO WHAT EXTENT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
HAS BEEN KEEPING UP WITH THE MOVEMENT FOR AMNESTY

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HERE IN BRAZIL AND WHAT POSITION DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HOLD IN REGARD TO THE AMNESTY MOVEMENT IN BRAZIL?

MRS. CARTER: I KNOW THAT WE DO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO ARE THE LEADERS IN THE SITUATION BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE HAVE DECIDED. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OFFICIAL POSITION WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN ON IT. I'M JUST NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT.

LUZIA AMELIA AIRES MOREIRA SCHIEL, JORNAL DE BRASILIA AND CORREIO BRAZILIENSE:

I'D LIKE TO ASK IF YOU DON'T THINK THERE IS SOME CONTRADICTION IN WHAT WAS SAID AT THE BRIEFING BY THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY IN WHICH IT WAS STATED THAT THE U.S. AND BRAZIL ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH PROBLEMS IN AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD AT LARGE AND VERY MUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTED IN THE LIBERATION BATTLES THAT ARE GOING ON IN THOSE PARTS OF THE WORLD. IT HAS BEEN SAID ON THE ONE HAND THAT THE U.S. AND BRAZIL OUGHT TO LET COUNTRIES RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND YET ON THE OTHER HAND WE HAVE THIS SITUATION WHERE THE U.S. HAS, IN FACT, INTERFERED AND PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. AND I WONDER IF YOU DON'T SEE A CONTRADICTION THERE BETWEEN ONE INTERVENTION AND ANOTHER.

MRS. CARTER: NO, I DON'T SEE A CONTRADICTION. I DON'T THINK THAT OUR COUNTRY SHOULD INTERFERE IN INTERNAL POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IF WE CAN BE HELPFUL, I THINK THAT THAT IS NOT A CONTRADICTION. I THINK THAT IF WE ARE ASKED FOR US INVOLVED OR GIVE SUGGESTIONS WE CAN DO THAT. ...INAUDIBLE....

MARIANGELA HAMU, JORNAL DO BRASIL:

YOU SAID THAT IN THE UNITED STATES YOU DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ON A GLOBAL, OVERALL WORLDWIDE BASIS BUT IN FACT THESE REPORTS THAT ARE PREPARED FOR THE CONGRESS DO SPECIFICALLY SINGLE OUT INDIVIDUAL CASES, DON'T THEY?

MRS. CARTER: THAT'S RIGHT. THE LAW SAYS THAT WE HAVE A REPORT FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE (MUST) HAVE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID PROGRAMS. AND SO THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT WE DO HAVE THE REPORTS ON. AND IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY ECONOMIC OR MILITARY AID PROGRAM TO A COUNTRY, YOU DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. BUT IT IS NOT BECAUSE WE APPROVE. WE DON'T NOT MONITOR THEM BECAUSE WE APPROVE

OF WHAT THEY DO. BUT THE ONES THAT THE LAW REQUIRES  
A REPORT ON ARE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES THAT DO RECEIVE  
ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID; THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE.

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LAURA FONSECA, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO: I'D LIKE  
TO TALK ABOUT THE SALES OF ARMS. IT SEEMS THAT THERE  
IS A CONTROVERSY IN WASHINGTON. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
QAYS THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO CURB THESE SALES AND ON THE  
OTHER HAND IT IS STILL THE FIRST, BIGGEST SELLER OF ARMS  
AND NOW INSTEAD OF JUST GIVING ARMS TO ISRAEL IT IS  
GIVING ARMS TO ISRAEL, EGYPT AD SAUDI ARABIA. DON'T  
YOU THINK THERE IS A CONTROVERSY? CURBING ON ONE SIDE  
AND CONTINUING TO SELL MORE AND MORE?

MRS. CARTER: NO, THE ARMS SALES HAVE BEEN REDUCED SINCE  
JIMMY HAS BEEN PRESIDENT. THERE ARE AGREEMENTS FROM THE  
PAST THAT WE HAVE TO HONOR, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN REDUCED,  
AND SOME OF THESE AGREEMENTS THAT YOU ARE DESCRIBING ARE  
AGREEMENTS FROM THE PAST BUT ARE CUT DOWN CONSIDEABLY.

LAURA FONSECA: SAUDI ARABIA (INAUDIBLE)?

MRS. CARTER: IT IS NOT NEW.

LAURA FONSECA: BUT IT IS THE FIRST TIME THEY SOLD ARMS, PLANES  
TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA.

MRS. CARTER: THESE ARE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE, THAT  
WE HAVE CUT DOWN CONSIDERABLY.

MARLENE ANNA GALEAZZI, MANCHETE: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
WHETHER YOU FEEL THAT THE DEGREE OF FREEDOM THAT IS

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BEING AFFORDED TO THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE BY THE BRAZILIAN  
GOVERNMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT ONE WOULD HOPE  
FOR IN TERMS OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
AND BRAZIL.

MRS. CARTER: I KNOW A LOT OF BRAZILIAN PEOPLE AND THEY  
SEEM VERY FREE AND OPEN TO ME.

ELIANE CRISTINA DE ALMEIDA CANTANHEDE, VEJA: YESTERDAY  
WHEN YOU LEFT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ONE OF THE THINGS  
YOU MENTIONED THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED SPECIFICALLY WITH  
THE MINISTER WAS HEALTH PROGRAMS IN GENERAL, BUT YOU  
REFERRED ALSO TO THE PRE-NATAL CARE FOR PREGNANT  
MOTHERS, AND SO FORTH. THIS IN BRAZIL BASICALLY COMES  
DOWN TO FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN THE END AND I WAS  
WONDERING, A LOT OF COUNTRIES IN THE THIRD WORLD  
ACCUSE THE UNITED STATES OF HAVING A VERY SPECIAL  
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INTEREST, AN ECONOMIC INTEREST, IN PROMOTING BIRTH CONTROL,  
AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS POLICY  
OF THE U.S. OF PROMOTING BIRTH CONTROL IN THE COUNTRIES  
OF THE THIRD WORLD.

MRS. CARTER: I THINK IT IS UP TO THE COUNTRIES TO MAKE  
THOSE DECISIONS BY THEMSELVES. COOPERATION WITH THEM,  
WE WILL DO THAT. BUT I THINK THAT IT IS UP TO THE  
COUNTRY TO DECIDE. I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS OUR  
POLICY; I AM SURE IT IS NOT BECAUSE I WAS JUST IN  
INDIA AND THERE WAS A CONTROVERSY ABOUT IT IN INDIA,  
AND I CHECKED WITH ALL OF OUR PEOPLE AND THEY TOLD  
ME THAT WE DIDN'T INTERFERE--THAT IT IS UP TO THE  
COUNTRY TO DECIDE WHAT THEY ARE DOING. BUT THE  
THING THAT WAS REALLY INTERESTING TO ME YESTERDAY

IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS WAS HOW CLOSELY THE PROGRAMS THAT  
YOUR MINISTER OF HEALTH HAS PARALLEL WHAT I HAVE  
FOUND IN OUR COUNTRY THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THAT IS  
THE PREVENTION. I HAVE STUDIED MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS  
FOR A YEAR NOW, PROGRAMS TO SEE WHAT WE NEEDED AND ALWAYS  
WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED TO FOSTER GOOD  
MENTAL HEALTH OR GOOD HEALTH, IT IS GOOD HOUSING,  
NUTRITION, GOOD WATER; IT IS THESE NEEDS THAT ARE BASIC.  
AND THAT IS WHAT I FOUND AT HOME AND THAT'S WHAT HE WAS  
TELLING ME IS HERE. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING FOR ME TO  
SEE IT.

QUESTION INAUDIBLE. (REGARDING SALE OF ARMAMENTS)  
MRS. CARTER: IT IS FOR OUR COUNTRY TO DECIDE, TO DECIDE  
ACCORDING TO WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR OUR COUNTRY, WHO  
WE SELL THINGS TO AND WHO WE DON'T SELL  
ARMAMENTS TO...(INAUDIBLE)...BUT ALSO I THINK THAT WE  
HAVE CUT DOWN. WHEN WE MAKE SALES WE SAY IN THE  
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NEXT SO MANY YEARS WE'LL SELL YOU SO MANY AIRPLANES,  
AND SO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE GONE ON IN JIMMY'S  
FIRST TERM ARE BASED ON THE PAST AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE  
ALREADY BEEN MADE BUT AS THE TIME COMES UP TO RENEW  
THESE WE HAVE CUT THEM DOWN.

LUZIA AMELIA AIRES MOEIRA SCHIEL, JORNAL DE BRASILIA AND  
CORREIO BRAZILIENSE: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU RECEIVED  
A LETTER FROM A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION OF CONGRESS.  
(INAUDIBLE) I DON'T THINK IT HAS REACHED YOU YET.

ROSALYNN CARTER: I AM SURE WE WILL GET IT IF WE HAVE  
NOT YET.

ROSALYNN CARTER: I ENJOYED TALKING TO YOU. THANK YOU.

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